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Fifty years of work by the Dutch- and German-speaking division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Summary**

The report provides a description of the activities undertaken and milestones reached over the past 50 years by the Dutch- and German-speaking division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. Since its inception, the division has been actively involved in the following five major toponymic fields: (a) the promotion of single-script conversion systems; (b) the promotion of toponymic education; (c) exonyms; (d) toponymic guidelines; and (e) automated data processing, toponymic data files and gazetteers. The individuals who acted as initiators of and driving forces behind the work of the division over the past 50 years are recognized in section 2 of the report. The participation of division members in sessions of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and of the United Nations Group of Experts is documented in the third section. The final section provides a summary of events organized by the division, including symposiums on geographical names and the proceedings thereof.

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